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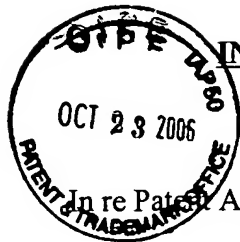
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**TRANSLATION OF AN OFFICE ACTION
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Re: Japanese Patent Application No.2003-536857
Patent Office Examiner: Nobuyuki ISHIDA
Dated: July 13, 2006
Mailed: July 18, 2006
Attorney for Applicant: Tadahiko Itoh
Applied Provisions: Patent Law Sections 29, 29(2), 36

The present application is found to be rejected for the following reason(s). If the applicant wishes to respond to the Reason(s) for rejection, an argument(s) and/or amendment(s) can be submitted within three (3) months from the mailing date of this Office Action. The due date can be extended by three (3) months one time, if a request for such extension is filed within three (3) months from the mailing date of this Office Action.

Reason(s)

Reason 1. The examiner contends that:

The invention described in the present applicant's Claim(s) indicated below could have been easily invented by those skilled in the art based on the following reference(s) published before the priority date of the patent application. Therefore, the present application is found un-patentable by virtue of the provision in Article 29, Paragraph 2 (Un-obviousness or Inventive Step), of the Japanese Patent Law.

Reason 2. The examiner contends that:

The present application's Claims are not allowable because they do not meet the requirement stipulated in the preamble of Article 29(1) (Industrial Applicability) of the Japanese Patent Law.

Reasons 3. The examiner contends that:

The Claims of the patent application do not meet the requirement stipulated in Article 36, Paragraph 6, item (ii) (Definiteness of Claimed Invention) of the Japanese Patent Law.

- THE LIST OF CITED DOCUMENTS

- Reference 1.:Japanese Laid-open Patent Application
No.2001-175606
Reference 2.:Japanese Laid-open Patent Application
No.2000-83233
Reference 3.:Japanese Laid-open Patent Application
No.2000-83022

Note

Reason 1

Claims: 1-47
Reference: 1-3
[Remarks]

Reference 1 discloses a method, an apparatus and a system for securely providing contents to a user of the contents, comprising: providing a right data and a license key to the user of the contents; providing the contents encrypted with the contents key to the user; providing the contents key encrypted with the license key to the user in a secure container provided with the contents (figure 1-3, 6, 7, 17-20, 35, 36, 39, 40, 48, 84, 97 and corresponding explanations).

Reference 2 (figure 4 and paragraph [0045]) and Reference 3 (figure 4 and paragraph [0022]) disclose to provide the user with the information by an IPMP stream added to MPEG-4 bit stream.

It is obvious for those skilled in the art to achieve the claimed inventions by combining reference 1 with reference 2.

Reason 2
[Remarks]

Regarding 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 41, 43, 44, 46 and 47, since it is unclear whether a server or a client performs steps in the claims, these method are not statutory inventions, they do not meet the requirement stipulated in the preamble of Article 29(1) (Industrial Applicability) of the Japanese Patent Law.

Reason 3.
[Remarks]

It is unclear the relations between claimed elements/steps in the following issues:

- (1) Regarding 1-47, it is unclear whether "a licensee" is "a person" or "an apparatus".
- (2)-(12) Regarding 15, 16, 18, 19, 26, 27, 29, 30, 37, 38, 40, it is unclear what (what means or element) performs the claimed function.

No rejection reasons were found in this Office Action other than those indicated above. If a new rejecting reason is found, the Japanese Patent Office will issue another Office Action.

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